

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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December 7, 2004

FROM: JUNE GRIFFITH-COLLISON, Acting Director
Arrowhead Regional Medical Center

SUBJECT: AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH ROSS UNIVERSITY – SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

RECOMMENDATION: Approve affiliation agreement with Ross University – School of Medicine for students enrolled in medicine programs to obtain clinical experience at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center for the period December 7, 2004, through December 6, 2005, with automatic annual renewals.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This agenda item recommends approval of a new affiliation agreement between the Medical Center and Ross University – School of Medicine, for the clinical training of the University's medicine students.

A key component of the Medical Center's mission is to provide education to students in a variety of disciplines. The Medical Center has a number of agreements with universities and colleges, junior colleges, and technical and trade schools through which it provides on-site clinical training for students. This clinical training is necessary for students to obtain their degree, license and/or certification.

Each year the Medical Center signs agreements with postgraduate medical students (resident physicians) for the period of one year. These residents are essential to the Medical Center's mission and vision as they provide clinical care services to the patients. To recruit high caliber residents, it is necessary to enter into affiliation agreements, thereby exposing medical students to the Medical Center's state-of-the-art facility and services. Providing clinical experience to medical students through affiliation agreements has been shown to be an effective way to recruit potential residents.

This is a new agreement, which will allow the Medical Center to provide clinical training for Ross University – School of Medicine students enrolled in medicine programs. This agreement will renew automatically every year; however, it may be terminated with or without cause by either party, after giving the other party ninety (90) days advance written notice of its intention to terminate.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Charles J. Larkin, Deputy County Counsel) on November 22, 2004 and County Administration Office (Bea Valdez, Administrative Analyst, 388-0211) on November 22, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: There is no exchange of money in this agreement, therefore it imposes no local cost to the County.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends approval since this agreement imposes no local County costs.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: June Griffith-Collison, Acting Director, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, 580-6160

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